

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Autism is the fourth most common developmental disability, affecting over four hundred thousand children and adults; and,

WHEREAS, Autism is a lifelong brain disorder that prevents proper understanding of what an individual sees, hears, or otherwise senses; and,

WHEREAS, Autism causes severe problems in learning, communication and behavior; and,

WHEREAS, Few of the general public understand this complex neurological disability; and,

WHEREAS, Support groups have dedicated years of service to the education and welfare of all persons with autism; and,

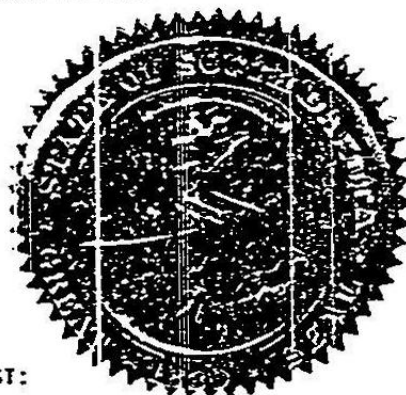
WHEREAS, These groups remain committed to educating the general public to better understanding this disability; and,

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex disorder that needs greater recognition and research to further understand the disability;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 4 through 10, 1988, as

AUTISM WEEK

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

*Joyce Hazeltine*  
JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

*George S. Mickelson*  
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR